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SUBJECT: SECURITY/POLITICAL SITUATION IN SIND

1. THE ATMOSPHERE OF GREATER PNA AGGRESSIVENESS CREATED MAY 11 CONTINUED MAY 12 INSPITE OF A TIGHT CURFEW. THE VOLATILE LIAQUATABAD AREA WAS CLOSED EVEN TO HOLDERS OF CURFEW PASSES. DEMONSTRATORS THERE HARASSED THE POLICE AND ARMY IN SMALL WAYS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, THREW TRASH IN THE STREETS AND SET UP BARRICADES OF BURNING TIRES. THIS SORT OF ACTIVITY CONTINUED AFTER THE CURFEW WAS LIFTED AT 2000. THE SITUATION WAS SIMILAR IN THE BURNS ROAD AREA, AND A GROUP OF SHOPKEEPERS SO THREATENED AN ARMY PATROL IN THE EMPRESS MARKET THAT SHOTS WERE FIRED TO DISPERSE THEM. THERE WAS FIRING ALSO IN LIAQUATABAD AND BURNS ROAD WITH ONE OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED DEATH.

2. THE DAYTIME CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT MAY 13 BETWEEN 0800 AND 2000 EXCEPT FOR RELAXATION BETWEEN 1300 AND
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1500 TO PERMIT ATTENDANCE AT FRIDAY PRAYERS. AS OF MID-DAY THERE ARE NO FIRM REPORTS OF DISTURBANCES IN THE CITY BUT LIAQUATABAD IS STILL TIGHTLY CONTROLLED AND CHECKING OF CURFEW PASSES IS MORE STRICT THAN NORMAL. COMMERCIAL GEZE IS SPUTTERING ALONG. MOST SHOPS ARE CLOSED AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT MEAGER AT BEST. ATTENDANCE AT WORK PLACES IS SOMEWHAT

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IMPROVED OVER MAY 12 (60-70 PERCENT AT THE CONGEN).
THE HARTAL WHICH THE PNA WAS PROJECTING FOR MAY 13
EARLIER IN THE WEEK WAS NOT FORMALLY PURSUED BY THE
PARTY, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THE DESIRED GOAL OF CRIPPLING
THE NORMAL LIFE OF THE CITY COULD BE EXPECTED TO OCCUR
ANYWAY AS A RESULT OF THE CURFEW.

3. THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IN THE PRESS AND IN
THE STATEMENTS OF VARIOUS LEADERS AND OFFICIALS CONTINUES.
MUMTAZ BHUTTO HAS LAUNCHED HIMSELF ON A SERIES OF
"LONG MARCHES" IN SUPPORT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S
CAUSE AND AGAINST THE "FOREIGN CONSPIRACY." ACCORDING
TO THE PRESS AND OBSERVERS, IN HIS THREE SPEECHES
MAY 12 IN THATTA DISTRICT HE CASTIGATED THE U.S. FOR
TRYING TO WEAKEN PAKISTAN. HE SAID THE U.S. SHOULD
BE ASHAMED OF ITS "DEFEAT" IN KOREA, VIETNAM
AND ANGOLA, AND SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE PAKISTANIS
CARRY THE SWORD OF THE CALIPH ALI. HE CLAIMED PNA
LEADERS HAD ASSURED THE U.S. THAT THEY WOULD NOT INSIST
ON OBTAINING A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT IF THEY WERE
IN POWER. MUMTAZ BHUTTO IS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE HIS
MISSIONARY JOURNEY IN SIND VISITING HYDERABAD,
NAWABSHAH, ROHRI, JACOBABAD, SHIKARPUR, LARKANA, DADU
AND OTHER POINTS.
MOORE

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